

## A B S T R A C T

A roll (22) is rotatably mounted in a slide (17) which is mounted so as to be perpendicularly displaceable in a carriage (11) which can be moved above a paper reel (8) transversely to its axis. The carriage (11) can be moved in a raisable and lowerable boom (4). The carriage also carries a transverse slide which can be moved along the axis and has a cutting device and an adhesive bonding device. The roll (22) is placed with a cutting bar on the uppermost generating line of the paper reel (8) and rolled thereon and the uppermost layer of the paper reel (8) held by suction and lifted off by rolling the roll (22) in the opposite direction beyond the starting position. After an end section has been cut off along the cutting bar by means of the cutting device and an adhesive tape has been applied to the paper reel in the region of the uppermost generating line, the roll (22) is rolled back to the starting position and that section of the paper web which is adjacent to the edge of the web end is pressed onto a part of the outer surface of the adhesive tape.

(Fig. 1)